

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

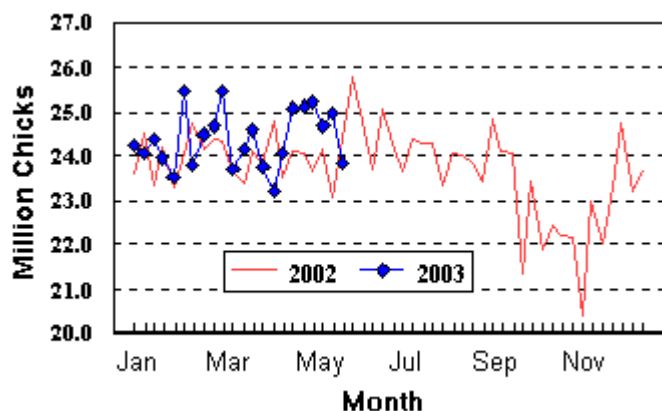
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending May 31, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from comparable week in 2002, and down 5 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 31, 2003 were 536.7 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.1 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

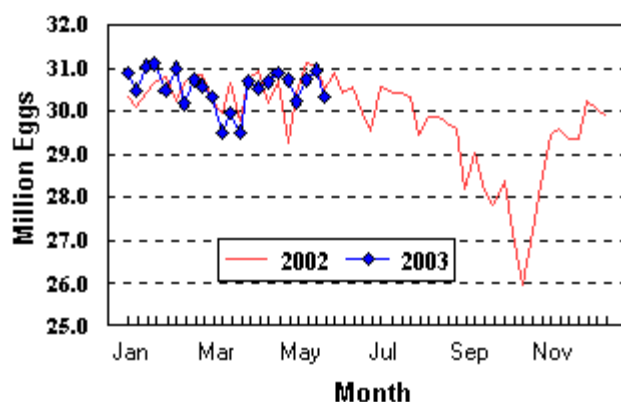
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 31, 2003, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 26	24,099	25,096	104	25,454	25,456	100	30,698	30,900	101
May 3	24,077	25,120	104	25,694	25,470	99	29,253	30,764	105
May 10	23,651	25,204	107	25,216	25,441	101	30,436	30,235	99
May 17	24,175	24,690	102	25,713	25,804	100	31,108	30,748	99
May 24	23,111	24,987	108	24,415	25,656	105	31,069	30,963	100
May 31	24,442	23,857	98	25,320	25,136	99	30,531	30,302	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May		26-Apr	03-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	
Alabama	28,362 *	28,809	28,903 *	29,179	99	21,554	21,936	21,208	21,681	21,899 *	21,477	101
ARKANSAS	30,235	30,748	30,963	30,302	99	25,096	25,120	25,204	24,690	24,987	23,857	98
Delaware	3,680	3,672	3,892	3,752	102	5,899	5,821	5,298	5,085	4,848 *	3,956	69
Florida	1,397 *	1,529	1,329	1,325	56	1,634	1,975	1,859	1,899	1,749	1,774	76
Georgia	32,355 *	32,674	32,467	32,684	100	25,688	26,357	24,673	24,555	25,549 *	25,519	95
Kentucky	6,371 *	6,376	6,032 *	6,611	94	6,071	5,164	5,654	5,341	5,638 *	5,052	103
Maryland	9,626	9,705	9,774 *	9,715	97	5,600	5,744	6,278	6,158	6,380 *	6,984	129
Mississippi	18,766	19,380	19,624 *	19,624	102	16,549	16,217	16,277	16,014	16,506 *	16,036	103
N. Carolina	18,921 *	18,933	18,924	18,759	97	14,780	15,077	15,184	15,019	15,110	15,140	98
Oklahoma	6,015	6,508	6,557	6,452	96	4,424	4,181	4,394	5,105	4,658	4,303	89
Pennsylvania	3,836 *	3,605 *	3,653	3,684	92	2,637	2,691	2,677 *	2,639 *	2,676	2,698	107
S. Carolina	5,018	4,979	4,989	4,845	99	4,206	3,424	4,282	4,245	3,852	4,388	121
Texas	15,066	15,080	15,090	15,089	98	12,407	12,586	12,646	12,574	12,563	12,556	102
Virginia	6,622	6,621	6,620	6,617	102	5,986	5,849	5,945	5,693	5,309 *	5,388	89
CALIF., MO., IN, WV	20,565 *	20,788 *	21,340 *	21,232	103	18,361	19,664	18,794 *	19,687 *	19,725 *	20,042	95
Total 2003	206,835 *	209,407 *	210,157 *	209,870		170,892	171,806	170,373 *	170,385 *	171,449 *	169,170	
Total 2002	211,162	213,431	213,027	212,345		172,792	172,635	172,081	171,004	171,336	172,385	
%Prev. Year	98	98	99	99		99	100	99	100	100	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending May 31, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 31, 2003 were 3.68 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.